



The Georgia Senate This Week

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Bi-partisan Charter School System Act passes Senate, heads to House for approval

A Charter School Systems bill that will fund competitive charter systems implementation grants of up to \$125,000 for planning and incentive costs for school systems that choose to become Charter systems passed the Senate on February 2. The *Charter Systems Act* authorizes the State Board of Education to enter into a charter with a local board of education to establish a local school system as a charter – giving local systems the flexibility to tailor their educational programs to meet the unique needs of their communities.

“I am grateful my colleagues saw the value of these initiatives and I look forward to passage in the House soon,” Lt. Gov. **Casey Cagle** said following passage of the bill. Sen. **Dan Weber** of the 40th introduced the legislation on Lt. Gov. **Cagle**’s behalf.

Co-sponsored by Sen. **Ed Tarver** of the 22nd, the legislation will allow these Charter Systems to be free of all state mandates, and many federal mandates with the exception of *No Child Left Behind* laws and non-discrimination mandates.

The legislation also establishes a nine-member Charter Advisory Committee to assist with the development of charter policy, review charter positions to ensure compliance and provide recommendations to the State Board of Education for approval or denial of a charter petition.

“This bill has the opportunity to enact meaningful reform of public education in Georgia, and I am glad to see that it had such strong, bipartisan support. The success of charter schools is clear, and I am glad that we are moving forward and creating opportunities to build on that success,” Sen. **Tarver** said.

The Senate also passed Lt. Gov. **Cagle**’s *Career Academies Act*, a bill that will provide the framework for career academies throughout Georgia. These local school system-technical college partnerships are designed to increase graduation rates and potential job and educational opportunities for students by establishing and providing start-up funds for career academies through the partnership of technical colleges and local boards of education.



Grade integrity act gets full support of the Senate

The Senate passed the *Grade Integrity Act* on February 13, without a dissenting vote. The Act, sponsored by Sen. **Chip Rogers** of the 21st, ensures teachers that they will not be required, coerced, intimidated or disciplined in any manner by the local board of education, superintendent, or any local school administrator to change the grade of a student – unless the teacher has failed to comply with the grading policies adopted by the local board or written procedure established by an individual school. Under *Senate Bill 9*, a central office administrator, superintendent or local school administrator, however, will not be prevented from changing a student’s grade. Any grade change made by a person other than the classroom teacher must be clearly indicated on the student’s record.

Constituent's concern leads to introduction of Senate Bill One

Late last year, a constituent of Sen. **Eric Johnson**'s of the 1st, **Vickie Lewis** of Richmond Hill in Bryan County, contacted the Senator to express concern following an incident that involved her teenage daughter.

"Some of the best legislation comes about from regular Georgia citizens," Sen. **Johnson** said after he filed *Senate Bill 1*. "This bill is a good example of how real life situations drive solutions in a republic. No ideology. No special interests. No agenda. Just a phone call from a concerned mother."

The bill provides that any registered sex offender, who intentionally photographs a minor, without the consent of the child's parent or guardian will be guilty of an aggravated misdemeanor.

Several months ago, Mrs. **Lewis**' daughter, who works in a coffee shop in Richmond Hill, was approached by a man she doesn't know who began snapping photographs of her and then showing them around to other customers. While he didn't physically harm Mrs. **Lewis**' daughter in any way, she was unnerved by the incident, and her parents reported it to the police.

The police identified the man as a sex offender from another state, but said there was nothing they could do about this particular incident because there was no law in Georgia prohibiting convicted sexual offenders from photographing a minor.

"We want to make sure that this doesn't happen to any other young Georgian," Sen. **Johnson** said. "It is our duty to protect our children, and if this law will help to do this, then as lawmakers, we are obliged to see it through the process."

"I hope this legislation will encourage more Georgians to contact their elected officials about ideas they have regarding potential laws. Their daily life experiences help us to craft bills that will help all of our citizens."

Senate votes to delay implementation of REAL ID Act

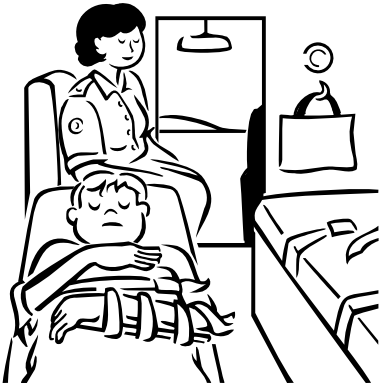
With only one "no" vote, *Senate Bill 5*, authored by Sen. **Mitch Seabaugh** of the 28th, passed the Senate on February 9 – authorizing Governor **Sonny Perdue** to delay compliance with certain provisions of the federal REAL ID Act until the U.S. Department of Homeland Security expressly guarantees that implementation of the Act will not compromise the economic and biological privacy of Georgia's citizens. The legislation further prohibits the Georgia Department of Driver Services from issuing an identification card, license, permit or other official document to non-citizen applicants unless such applications have been confirmed through the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) program.

In May of 2005, Congress passed the REAL ID Act, creating national standards for the issuance of state driver's licenses and identification cards. REAL IDs must include the person's name, birth date, sex, ID number, digital photograph, address and a "common machine-readable technology" that will be selected by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The implementation must be completed by May 11, 2008.

"These standards are likely to alter long-standing state laws, regulation and practices governing the qualifications for, and the productions and issuance of such IDs in every state," Sen. **Seabaugh** said. "They also will require substantial investments by states and the federal government to meet the objectives of the Act."

The cost of implementing the REAL ID Act in Georgia, according to the Georgia Department of Drivers' Services, is \$10-20 million. Thus far, Congress has not appropriated money for the REAL ID program.

Senate votes to create Georgia Trauma Commission, Georgia Trauma Trust Fund



After spending the better part of 2006 co-chairing the Comprehensive State Trauma Services Joint Study, Sen. **Cecil Staton** of the 18th, introduced *Senate Bill 60* – creating the Georgia Trauma Commission that will apply for, receive and administer state and federal funds and grants, private grants, donations and other funds. For the first two fiscal years in which funds are appropriated, the Commission will distribute the funds to uncompensated physician trauma care services, EMS trauma services, designated trauma care services and readiness costs for trauma care centers.

The Study Committee met last year to look at ways to add to Georgia's Trauma network – which is woefully inadequate for a state this size. Georgia has only four Level One trauma centers – in Atlanta, Augusta, Macon and Savannah. Additional centers will save the lives of hundreds of Georgians each year.

“Georgia does not have a statewide, inclusive trauma system, which constrains our ability to provide optimal care to trauma patients,” Sen. **Staton** said. “Data suggests only 30 percent of major traumatic injuries in Georgia are treated in designated trauma centers. Consequently, Georgia's trauma-related death rate is 20 percent above the national average. If we could reach the national average, we could possibly save 700 or more lives a year.”

U. S. Sen. Chambliss visits Senate Chamber



U.S. Sen. Saxby Chambliss addressed members of the Senate on Tuesday, to talk about several issues affecting Georgians. He discussed Georgia's PeachCare for Kids funding crisis, telling the Senators that “[there isn't] a more valuable program ever created by this body than the PeachCare program. We have the model program for everybody else in the country to copy.” Currently, Georgia is waiting for Congress to reauthorize more than \$130 million dollars to pay for the federal government's portion of the popular program for uninsured children.

Another successful Family Day fills the Capitol halls

*F*amily members of Senators and staff, and families from near and far converged on the Capitol in a rare Saturday session on February 10, and the Senate passed several bills from the *GeorgiaSpeaks.com* Web site. *GeorgiaSpeaks.com* was designed to allow citizens to give the Senate their ideas for legislation they would like to see passed.

Sponsored by Sen. **Tommie Williams** of the 19th, *Senate Bill 34*, which was a *GeorgiaSpeaks* idea submitted by Warden **Ralph Kemp** of Reidsville, restricts access to crime scene and victim photos when the crime is of a sexual nature. *Senate Bill 71*, another *GeorgiaSpeaks.com* idea, limits the dates for special elections such as SPLOST elections to dates where other elections are already occurring. “Too many times, SPLOST elections are held at times when only a small segment of registered voters go to the polls,” Sen. **Williams**, who also authored this bill said. “This small segment of voters makes a decision that affects everyone. *Senate Bill 71* seeks to increase voter turnout by limiting the dates that special elections may occur and to save taxpayer dollars by combining multiple elections.”

In Committee Action . . .

Administrative Affairs Committee

The Administrative Affairs Committee did not meet this week.

Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee

The Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee did not meet this week.

Appropriations Committee

Chairman **Jack Hill** of the 4th called a meeting of the Senate Appropriations Committee to order on Wednesday, January 31. The Committee heard from **John Robertson**, vice president of Research at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, who gave an update of Georgia's Economy concerning employment, income growth and tax revenues. Then, Dr. **Rajeev Dhawan**, director of the Economic Forecasting Center at Georgia State University, presented a national and state forecast update. The update addressed issues in the state of Georgia such as rate cuts, sales tax revenues and the creation of jobs.

Banking and Financial Institutions Committee

On Tuesday, February 6, Chairman **Bill Hamrick** of the 30th called the meeting to order. First, the Committee heard from Commissioner **Rob Braswell** of the Georgia Department of Banking and Finance, who explained *Senate Bill 70*.

SB 70 updates banking laws to reflect changes in federal law regarding financial institutions. After some discussion *SB 70*, the bill was passed with a unanimous vote.

Economic Development Committee

The Economic Development Committee did not meet this week.

Education and Youth Committee

The Committee met on Friday, February 9, to consider *Senate Bills 9* and *72*. Sen. **Don Thomas** of the 54th chaired the Committee on behalf of Sen. **Dan Weber** of the 40th.

Majority Leader **Tommie Williams** of the 19th presented the Committee Substitute to *SB 72*, which would authorize local school boards to employ administrative managers, in lieu of or in addition to assistant principals. Sen. **Williams** also recommended an amendment to clarify language in the bill concerning the qualifications of an administrative manager. *SB 72* passed by substitute as amended by a unanimous vote. Next, Sen. **Chip Rogers** of the 21st presented the Committee Substitute to *SB 9*, otherwise known as the *Grade Integrity Act of 2007*. The legislation aims to protect educators, providing that a classroom teacher will not be required, coerced, intimidated or disciplined in any manner to change the grade of a student. The legislation failed to pass during the 2006 session. Representatives of the Georgia Association of Educators (GAE) and the Professional Association of Georgia Educators (PAGE) expressed their support of the bill. **Jocelyn Whitfield** of GAE asked for some minor language changes, which Sen. **Joseph Carter** of the 13th then proposed as an amendment. *SB 9* passed by substitute as amended by a unanimous vote.

The Committee reconvened on Tuesday, February 20, to consider *SB 85*. Sen. **Nancy Schaefer** of the 50th presented the bill, which would allow home school and private school students to participate in extracurricular activities at the public school within their district. After several questions from the Committee, Executive Director of the Georgia High School Sports Association (GHSA) **Ralph Swearngin** spoke against *SB 85*, stating that high school athletics are an extension of the classroom. Representatives of the Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA), Georgia Association of Educators (GAE) and other groups expressed concern about the legislation. Vice-Chairman **Carter** then concluded the meeting by stating that *SB 85* may come up again for a vote at another meeting.

Ethics Committee

Chairman **Renee Unterman** of the 45th called the Committee to order on Thursday, February 1, to consider two bills. First, the Committee reviewed a document outlining the proper procedures for filing an ethics complaint against a Senator or staff member. Sen. **Cecil Staton** of the 18th then presented *Senate Bill 40*, which would punish certain fraudulent election-related activities, including absentee voter fraud, in a more severe manner. **Jennifer Owens** of the Georgia League of Women Voters spoke in favor of the bill. **Cam Kirbo** from the Secretary of State's Office spoke in favor of *SB 40*, but expressed his concerns that the proposed penalties may be too harsh. Sen. **George Hooks** of the 14th offered an amendment, setting the maximum penalty at ten years for certain types of election fraud. The Committee agreed and *SB 40* passed as amended by substitute. Next, Majority Leader **Tommie Williams** of the 19th presented *SB 71*, which would reduce the number of dates on which special local elections may be held. Sen. **Williams** stated that the idea for the bill originated from the new *GeorgiaSpeaks* website. **Tom Gehl** of the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) proposed an amendment to include one additional date that special elections may be held during odd-numbered years. Sen. **Williams** added an amendment to change the legislation's effective date to January 1, 2008. Both amendments were approved, and *SB 71* passed through Committee as amended.

Finance Committee

On Thursday, February 1, the Committee met to take up *Senate Resolution 20*. Chairman **Chip Rogers** of the 21st presented the resolution, which proposes an amendment to the Constitution to provide for limitations on state government taxation and expenditures. Representatives from Americans for Prosperity, AARP of Georgia, SEIU and the Georgia Public Policy Foundation all gave testimony to *SR 20*. Sen. **Rogers** stated the Committee would take up the bill again next meeting.

The Committee reconvened on Friday, February 9, to consider *Senate Resolution 20* again and *Senate Bill 58*. Sen. **Mitch Seabaugh** of the 28th led the discussion on *SR 20*, in which he explained the substitute merely defines terms. Chairman **Rogers** stated that this legislation would create a stable budget. He furthered explained that the General Assembly would decide how excess revenues would be spent. After more discussion, *SR 20* passed by substitute. Next, Sen. **Preston Smith** of the 52nd presented *SB 58*, which repeals certain provisions to the payment of taxes where property lies in more than one county. *SB 58* passed through the Committee unanimously.

The Committee met again on Monday, February 12, to take up two bills. Sen. **Chip Pearson** of the 51st presented *SB 92*, which requires the Department of Revenue to collect retail sales tax data made in each county, retail sales made within the limits of a municipality and sales tax within the unincorporated area of a county. City Manager of Valdosta **Larry Hanson** spoke in favor of the bill. **Clint Mueller**, spokesman for the Association County Commissioners of Georgia raised concerns about the bill. After more debate, *SB 92* passed by Committee substitute. Chairman **Rogers** announced that *SR 5*, sponsored by Sen. **David Shafer** of the 48th, would move forward next meeting.

Government Oversight Committee

The Government Oversight Committee did not meet this week.

Health and Human Services Committee

On Thursday, February 1, Chairman **Don Thomas** of the 54th called the meeting to order. The first bill open for discussion was *Senate Bill 61*, which requires that any petitioner in an adoption proceeding to submit fingerprints to the Georgia Crime Information Center for a criminal history records check, presented by Sen. **Jeff Mullis** of the 53rd. *SB 61* was passed unanimously. Sen. **Seth Harp** of the 29th presented *Senate Bill 17*, which allows certified optometrists to prescribe oral medications to treat diseases and conditions of the eye. *SB 17* was passed unanimously. Sen. **Preston Smith** of the 52nd presented *Senate Bill 51*, which makes it unlawful for an owner of a personal care home, private home care provider or child welfare agency to operate such a facility with a criminal record. After much deliberation, *SB 51* failed with a tied vote, 7 to 7. Sen. **Smith** also presented *Senate Resolution 87*. *SR 87* urges the Georgia Department of Human Resources to name the district health office to be built at Northwest Georgia Regional Hospital in honor of Dr. **Raymond F. Corpe**, former

superintendent of the hospital and a pioneer of tuberculosis research. *SR 87* was passed unanimously.

The Committee reconvened Tuesday, February 13, to consider *Senate Bills 95* and *60*. Sen. **Joseph Carter** of the 13th presented *SB 95*, which makes it a crime for minors to attempt to purchase cigarettes or other tobacco products and also prohibits the dispensing of any non-tobacco products, other than lighters, in vending machines that dispense cigarettes and other tobacco products. *SB 95* was passed unanimously. *SB 60*, presented by Sen. **Cecil Staton** of the 18th, creates the Georgia Trauma Commission within the Department of Human Resources, and allows hospitals offering trauma services to add additional beds or operating rooms for trauma purposes without applying for a certificate of need. *SB 60* passed out of committee, but amendments will be added prior to the full Senate vote. Then, the Committee held a hearing for *SB 53*, which was presented by Sen. **Tommie Williams** of the 19th. *SB 53* creates an exemption to the certificate of need (CON) program for nonphysician-owned acute care cancer treatment hospitals, so long as such hospitals have 50 or fewer beds and at least 65 percent of their annual patient base consists of residents of other states. Patients from Cancer Treatment Centers of America provided testimonies in support of *SB 53*. Emory oncologist, Dr. **David Lawson**, and the Georgia Cancer Coalition spoke against *SB 53*.

The Committee met again Thursday, February 15. Sen. **Nancy Schaefer** of the 50th presented the Committee Substitute to *Senate Bill 66*, known as the *Full Disclosure Ultrasound Act*. This legislation provides that a woman seeking an abortion must first submit to an ultrasound or sonogram examination and must be offered an opportunity to view the ultrasound or sonogram image prior to an abortion being performed. After some debate, *SB 66* passed by substitute by a vote of 8 to 5.

Higher Education Committee

The Senate Higher Education Committee did not meet this week.

Insurance and Labor Committee

Chairman **Ralph Hudgens** of the 47th called the Committee to order on Wednesday, February 7, to discuss *Senate Bill 49*. Sen. **Regina Thomas** of the 2nd presented the bill, which would provide the delivery of certain services and techniques to deaf-blind individuals by an organization knowledgeable on deaf-blind issues. Sen. **Thomas** explained that this is the exact same bill that passed out of the Committee last year. **Susan Lasek** of the Hellen Keller National Regional Office, stated they support the bill and hope that *SB 49* will keep the deaf-blind community from falling through the cracks. A Department of Labor spokeswoman also stated that the DOL supports the bill. After some brief discussion, *SB 49* passed through the Committee unanimously.

The Committee reconvened on Wednesday, February 14, to consider *Senate Bills 84, 131* and *153*. Sen. **David Shafer** presented *SB 84*, which would prohibit dishonest, unfair or deceptive insurance practices in marketing or sales of insurance to military service members. *SB 84* passed through the Committee unanimously. Next, Chairman **Hudgens** presented *SB 131*, which is a housekeeping bill that closes a loophole in the language relating to the Subsequent Injury Trust Fund. The Committee heard testimony from the Director of the Subsequent Injury Trust Fund, **Richard McGee**. *SB 131* passed through the Committee unanimously. The Committee then held a discussion on *SB 153*, which was formerly *SB 28*, but has been broken down into four new bills. Sen. **Judson Hill** of the 32nd presented the bill, which repeals the Georgia Basic Health Insurance Plans, and, instead, authorizes the Insurance Commissioner to develop guidelines for Consumer Driven Health Insurance Plans (CDHP). After more testimony, Sen. **Hill** of the 32nd closed the discussion.

Interstate Cooperation Committee

On Thursday, February 8, Chairman **Ed Harbison** of the 15th called the first meeting of the 2007 session to order. The members and staff of the Committee were introduced and the Committee rules were then unanimously adopted.

Joint Senate and House Health and Human Services Committee

Senate Chairman **Don Thomas** of the 54th and House Chairman **Sharon Cooper** of the 41st called the joint meeting to order on Thursday, February 8. The Committee heard a presentation from Dr. **Steve Stice**, director of the Regenerative Bioscience Center, focused on stem cell research. The UGA research center is actively working on one of the federally approved stem cell lines. Additionally, Dr. **Stice** is working with U.S. Senator **Johnny Isakson** to develop legislation that would break the deadlock on federal support of stem cell research.

The Joint Committee reconvened on Friday, February 9, at the Emory Winship Cancer Institute. The Committee heard from several doctors of the Winship Cancer Center, explaining the levels of care and the services that are provided at their facility. Following the presentations, members of the House and Senate Committees were given a tour of the facility to view the high quality of cancer care currently provided across the state of Georgia.

Joint Senate and House Higher Education Committee

Senate Chairman **Seth Harp** of the 29th and House Chairman **Bill Hembree** of the 67th called the joint meeting to order on Wednesday, February 13. The Committee heard a presentation from **Cathie Mayes Hudson**, associate vice chancellor from the Office of Strategic Research and Analysis, focused on the projected enrollment for the University System of Georgia. Several members from the Board of Regents were also in attendance.

Joint Senate and House Science and Technology Committee

Senate Chairman **Cecil Staton** of the 18th and House Chairman **Amos Amerson** of the 9th called the meeting to order on Thursday, February 8. The Committee held a hearing on *Senate Bill 59*, concerning social networking Web sites. *SB 59* provides penalties for a site owner that allows a minor to create or maintain profiles. Sen. **Staton** started the meeting by addressing the growing problems of child molestation and murder through social networking websites, such as *Myspace.com*. Special Agent in Charge **John Whitaker** and **Sue Dowling**, of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, were in attendance to discuss the dangers associated with minors using social networking websites.

Judiciary Committee

The Committee met on Thursday, February 1, to take up four bills. President Pro Tempore **Eric Johnson** of the 1st presented *Senate Bill 1*, which would prohibit registered sex offenders from photographing minors. Joining Sen. **Johnson** to present the bill was **Vicki Lewis**, a constituent who brought the issue to the Senator's attention. **Sandra Michaels** of the Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers testified in favor of the bill, and proposed an amendment that would add specific language in order to protect the intent of the bill and cover potential situations. The amendment was not voted on. **Maggie Garrett** of the ACLU testified in opposition to the bill, stating that it restricts free speech. Sen. **Kasim Reed** of the 35th suggested adding language to the bill, which would serve for clarification and also satisfy those suggestions made by the Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. The bill as amended passed unanimously. Majority Leader **Tommie Williams** of the 19th then presented *Senate Bill 34*, which would prevent prisoners, who have been convicted of crimes of a sexual nature, from posting photographs in their prison cells of their victims and/or crime scenes. The idea for the bill came from a suggestion on the *GeorgiaSpeaks.com* website from Wheeler Correctional Facility Warden **Ralph Kemp** of Alamo, GA, who testified alongside Sen. **Williams**. **Vernon Keenan**, director of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) spoke in favor of *SB 34*. The bill passed unanimously. Chairman **Preston Smith** of the 52nd presented *Senate Bill 54*, which provides gender neutrality in cases of incest. One witness testified in support of the bill, which passed unanimously. Sen. **John Douglas** of the 17th then presented the Committee Substitute to *Senate Bill 21*, which eliminates the chance of parole for a convicted felon who has killed a peace officer, corrections employee or firefighter while on duty. **Jack Martin** of the Georgia

Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and **Chris Adams**, director of Georgia Capital Defenders, spoke in opposition to the bill, citing that *SB 21* could apply to those involved in a felony murder. Several others testified in support of the legislation. Chairman **Smith** decided not to vote on the bill until a clause is added for the exception of felony murders.

On Thursday, February 8, the Committee reconvened to take up two bills. Sen. **John Douglas** of the 17th presented *Senate Bill 23*, which would allow the State Board of Pardons and Paroles to inquire into and consider the legality of a prisoner's citizenship in the U.S. when making parole decisions. After some debate among the Committee members, the bill was passed by a vote of 10 to 1, with Sen. **Vincent Fort** of the 39th in dissent. Sen. **Chip Rogers** of the 21st then presented *Senate Bill 43*, which would allow employees to keep firearms locked in their car when parked in a company or employer's parking lot. Several witnesses debated the bill, including the National Rifle Association, which supports *SB 43*, and representatives from the Georgia Chamber of Commerce and the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association, who testified in opposition to the bill. Three amendments were proposed, all of which clarify the bill's language. *SB 43* passed by substitute by a vote of 10 to 2, with Senators **Fort** and **Reed** in dissent.

On Monday, February 12, Chairman **Smith** called the Committee to order again to take up two bills. *Senate Bill 79* by Sen. **Bill Hamrick** of the 30th was presented to the Committee by **David McDade**, a district attorney representing Douglas County. **McDade** explained that *SB 79* would increase the maximum prison sentence to 30 years for attempting to commit a crime, up from the original maximum of ten years. After some discussion, the bill passed unanimously. *Senate Bill 97*, also by Sen. **Hamrick**, was also presented by **McDade**. He explained that the bill would require an attorney to inform the court of any specific objections to a jury charge made during a court case, such as misstated charges. Ms. **Michaels** of the Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers testified in opposition to the bill. After further debate, *SB 97* passed by a vote of 7 to 2, with Sens. **Fort** and **Robert Brown** of the 26th in dissent.

Natural Resources and the Environment Committee

Chairman **Ross Tolleson** of 20th called the Senate Natural Resources and the Environment Committee to order on Wednesday, February 14. Chief of Staff of the Office of President Pro Tempore **Melanie Stockwell** spoke on behalf of Sen. **Eric Johnson** of the 1st about the additions made to *Senate Bill 27*. The bill was changed to include a revocation of motor vehicle registration for citizens who abandon their vessels in Georgia's waterways. As amended, *SB 27* then passed unanimously. Sen. **Ed Tarver** of the 22nd spoke about the resolution he authored, *Senate Resolution 133*. The resolution creates a study committee that would examine environmental issues present in Augusta. After brief discussion, the resolution passed unanimously. Sen. **Seth Harp** of the 29th gave a brief presentation on *SR 243*. The resolution urges the US Army Corp of Engineers to study the effects of adding to the storage capacity of all corps reservoirs in the State of Georgia.

Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee

Chairman **Jim Whitehead** of the 24th called the meeting to order on Tuesday, February 13. Committee members heard a presentation on *Senate Bill 86*, which would remove the seat belt exemption for pickup trucks in Georgia. Senator **Don Thomas** of the 54th stated that removing the pickup truck exemption would earn the state more than \$20 million in federal highway funds. It could also save between 20 and 80 lives each year. **Mike Healey** with AAA auto club told the Committee that his organization supports the legislation because it will save lives and gain more federal money for Georgia. **Steve Henry** with the Georgia Department of Transportation said that there are 185 fatal accidents in pickup trucks each year, and 68 percent of the fatal accidents involved unbuckled passengers. Several other organizations spoke in support of the bill before the public comments were closed, and agreed that the proposal is a good idea. Sen. **Bill Heath** of the 31st began the Committee's discussion, saying that while he understands the benefits of this bill, he is not in favor of new laws that restrict the freedom of our citizens. With no further debate the chair called for a vote. The legislation was approved by a vote of 9 to 2, with Sen. **Heath** and Sen. **Chapman** in dissent.

Reapportionment and Redistricting Committee

The Reapportionment and Redistricting Committee did not meet this week.

Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee

Chairman **David Shafer** of the 48th called the meeting to order on Wednesday, February 14. The rules for the 2007 – 2008 session were approved by a unanimous vote. The Committee heard testimony on *SB 114*. The bill is the general housekeeping bill for the Georgia Real Estate Commission. **Jim Ledford** with the Real Estate Commission went through the bill's proposed changes line by line. The legislation includes provisions to allow more continuing education for realtors, and changes the rules for minimum lengths of time after a criminal conviction before qualifying for a real estate license. The bill was approved by a vote of 7 to 1. The Committee also heard testimony on *SB 115*. The bill was presented by **Mark Woodall** and **Suzanne Williams** of the State Licensing Board for General Contractors. The legislation sets the definition for a general contractor in the state, as well as new guidelines for licensing. *SB 115* was approved by a unanimous vote.

Retirement Committee

The Senate Retirement Committee did not meet this week.

Rules Committee

The Senate Rules Committee did not meet as a standing committee this week.

Science and Technology Committee

The Senate Science and Technology Committee did not meet this week.

Special Judiciary Committee

Chairman **Michael Meyer von Bremen** of the 12th called the Committee to order on Thursday, February 8. Sen. **John Wiles** of the 37th presented *Senate Bill 94*, which seeks to clarify Georgia law relating to the process by which a landlord may seek to lawfully evict a tenant. After questions, Sen. **Ed Tarver** of the 22nd suggested language that would further clarify the bill's intent. Sen. **Tarver** moved to amend *SB 94*, which then passed by substitute unanimously. Sen. **Seth Harp** of the 29th presented *SB 41*, which enhances code provisions concerning process servers. Chairman **Meyer von Bremen** stated that the Committee would not vote on *SB 41* at this meeting. The legislation would require gated/secured communities to allow access to a process server and require any person serving process papers to file proof of service with five business days. The bill would also set the requirements for becoming a permanent process server in the state, and create a registry of permanent process servers. After several questions, Chairman **Meyer von Bremen** said that at the next meeting, the Committee will hear public comment and possibly vote on *SB 41*.

The Committee reconvened on Tuesday, February 20, to consider several bills. Deputy Legislative Counsel **Wayne Allen** presented *Senate Bills 103, 104 and 124* on behalf of Sen. **David Adelman** of the 42nd. All three bills make updates, corrections and revisions to Georgia code sections and were recommended by the Code Revision Committee. After some brief explanation, all three bills passed unanimously. Sen. **Joseph Carter** of the 13th then presented *SB 135*, which would apply the current confidentiality safeguards that Georgia law provides for child abuse and deprivation records to the Office of the Child Advocate. **Allyson Anderson** of the Office of the Child Advocate spoke in support of the legislation, which passed unanimously. Chairman **Meyer von Bremen** then presented *SB 30* on behalf of Sen. **Cecil Staton** of the 18th. The legislation would prohibit the use of the names or pictures of service members of the U.S. armed forces to advertise the sale of any goods, wares or merchandise, and it was heard at a previous meeting. Sen. **Meyer von Bremen** stated that the Committee Substitute included new language that satisfied all concerned parties, and the substitute to *SB 30* passed unanimously. Next, Sen. **Bill Hamrick** of the 30th presented *SB 135*, which will increase current penalties for the criminal reproduction and sale of recorded materials, more commonly referred to as "CD piracy." After some discussion, Chairman **Meyer von Bremen** stated that the Committee would take up *SB 135* at another meeting.

State Institutions and Property Committee

Chairman **Johnny Grant** of the 25th called the meeting to order Tuesday, February 13. Rep. **Tom Dickson** of the 6th was in attendance to present *House Resolution 21*. *HR 21* designates the Dalton Regional Youth Detention Center as the Elbert Shaw, Jr. Regional Youth Detention Center, Dalton, Georgia to honor **Elbert Shaw, Jr.**, and his dedication to children and youth. *HR 21* was unanimously adopted. Then, Rep. **Terry Barnard** of the 166th presented *House Bill 245*, which recommends that the Department of Public Safety not furnish a passenger motor vehicle to the Warden of the Georgia State Prison for official business. The opposing bill, *Senate Bill 108*, was presented by Sen. **Jim Whitehead, Sr.** of the 24th and recommends that the Department of Public Safety furnish a passenger motor vehicle to the warden for official business. *HB 245* was unanimously passed and as a result, *SB 108* died in Committee. *Senate Bill 120* was presented by Sen. **Whitehead**. Current law requires all state entities to acquire real property through the State Properties Commission. However, the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Technical and Adult Education are exempted from this requirement, *SB 120* removes this exemption. *SB 120* was passed unanimously.

State and Local Governmental Operations Committee

The State and Local Governmental Operations Committee did not meet this week.

Transportation Committee

Chairman **Jeff Mullis** of the 53rd called the Committee to order on Wednesday, February 7. The Committee took up *Senate Bill 87* by Sen. **Chip Pearson** of the 51st. The bill was presented by Sen. **Jim Whitehead, Sr.** of the 24th, who explained that *SB 87* would incorporate the use of “RV friendly” markers on signs for business establishments that cater to those driving recreational vehicles. Sen. **Whitehead** stated that he believes implementation of the bill would help to increase tourism throughout the state. *SB 87* passed unanimously. Next, the Committee heard a presentation from **Jane Hayes**, Transportation Planning Division Chief of the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC), which focused on Atlanta’s congestion issues.

Urban Affairs Committee

The Urban Affairs Committee met on Tuesday, February 13. The Committee adopted its rules for the 2007 legislative session, and also discussed *Senate Resolution 130* and *Senate Bill 89*. Chairman **David Adelman** of the 42nd presented *SR 130*, which proposes an amendment to the Constitution of Georgia to allow the General Assembly to lawfully create townships. Sen. **Adelman** also presented *SB 89*, which would establish new language that provides for the creation of townships. The Committee heard a presentation Carl Vinson Institute of Government representative **Harry Hayes** on townships and some possible alternatives to them. The Committee also heard testimony from Vinings Homeowner Association President **Ron Sifen**, who supports the legislation. The Committee plans to take up both pieces of legislation at its next meeting.

Veterans and Military Affairs Committee

The meeting was called to order by Chairman **John Douglas** of the 17th on Tuesday, February 13. Members heard testimony from Sen. **Judson Hill** of the 32nd on *Senate Resolution 81*. The resolution condemns the nations of Iran and Syria for their support of Hezbollah. It urges the international community to impose meaningful sweeping sanctions on the Iranian and Syrian governments. The resolution was approved by a unanimous vote.

Georgia State Senate First Readers

(Friday, February 2 – Wednesday, February 21)

Senate Resolutions

- SR 137** **Devine, Tiffany; commend**
Sen. **Jeff Mullis** (53rd)
Read and adopted – 02/02/07
- SR 138** **Pages; Elizabeth Lockhart, Stephanie Lockhart, Angela Tyson; recognize**
Sen. **Jeff Mullis** (53rd)
Read and adopted – 02/02/07
- SR 139** **Congress; urged to raise allowable deduction for health savings accounts**
Sens. **Judson Hill** (32nd); **Bill Heath** (31st); **Chip Rogers** (21st) and **Ralph Hudgens** (47th)
Insurance and Labor Committee – 02/02/07
- SR 140** **U.S. Congress; urged to enact legislation that would amend the Medicare program**
Sens. **Judson Hill** (32nd); **Bill Heath** (31st); **Chip Rogers** (21st) and **Ralph Hudgens** (47th)
Insurance and Labor Committee – 02/02/07
- SR 141** **Morlan, Becky; commend**
Sen. **Jim Whitehead, Sr.** (24th)
Read and adopted – 02/02/07
- SR 142** **Newsome, Beth; commend**
Sen. **Jim Whitehead, Sr.** (24th)
Read and adopted – 02/02/07
- SR 143** **Arrington, Christa; commend**
Sen. **Jim Whitehead, Sr.** (24th)
Read and adopted – 02/02/07
- SR 144** **Powell, Tonya; commend**
Sen. **Jim Whitehead, Sr.** (24th)
Read and adopted – 02/02/07
- SR 145** **Dudley, Robin; commend**
Sen. **Jim Whitehead, Sr.** (24th)
Read and adopted – 02/02/07
- SR 146** **Warthen, Sherika; commend**
Sen. **Jim Whitehead, Sr.** (24th)
Read and adopted – 02/02/07
- SR 147** **Dudley, Robin; commend**
Sen. **Jim Whitehead, Sr.** (24th)
Read and adopted – 02/02/07
- SR 148** **Campbell, Coach Larry; commend**
Sen. **Jim Whitehead, Sr.** (24th)
Read and adopted – 02/02/07

- SR 149 Hunter, Kimberly; commend**
Sen. **Jim Whitehead, Sr.** (24th)
Read and adopted – 02/02/07
- SR 150 Firefighters' Recognition Day; commend**
Sen. **Jim Whitehead, Sr.** (24th)
Read and adopted – 02/02/07
- SR 151 Youth Leadership Baldwin 2007; commend**
Sen. **Johnny Grant** (25th)
Read and adopted – 02/02/07
- SR 152 Gainesville-Hall County Day; recognize**
Sen. **Lee Hawkins** (49th)
Read and adopted – 02/02/07
- SR 153 Gault, Mrs. Paula H.; commend**
Sens. **Jack Murphy** (27th); **Chip Pearson** (51st)
and **Dan Moody** (56th)
Read and adopted – 02/02/07
- SR 154 Joint Human Services Transportation Study Commission; create**
Sens. **Jeff Mullis** (53rd); **Jim Whitehead, Sr.** (24th);
Judson Hill (32nd) and **John Douglas** (17th)
Transportation Committee – 02/08/07
- SR 155 Adams, Mrs. Juanita K.; recognize**
Sen. **Lee Hawkins** (49th)
Read and adopted – 02/08/07
- SR 156 Shore, David Henry; condolences**
Sen. **Preston Smith** (52nd)
Read and adopted – 02/08/07
- SR 157 Rural Health Day; recognize**
Sens. **Johnny Grant** (25th); **Don Thomas** (54th); **Preston Smith** (52nd);
Ross Tolleson (20th); **George Hooks** (14th) and others
Read and adopted – 02/08/07
- SR 158 Vollmer, Michael; recognize**
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th); **Bill Cowsert** (46th); **John Wiles** (37th);
Cecil Staton (18th); **Gail Davenport** (44th) and others
Read and adopted – 02/08/07
- SR 159 Armed Forces; First Annual Veterans Day Celebration; recognize**
Sens. **Emanuel Jones** (10th); **John Douglas** (17th) and
Gail Davenport (44th)
Read and adopted – 02/08/07
- SR 160 Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church; recognize**
Sens. **Emanuel Jones** (10th); **Gail Davenport** (44th)
and **John Douglas** (17th)
Read and adopted – 02/08/07
- SR 161 Long, Bishop Eddie L.; commend**
Sens. **Emanuel Jones** (10th); **Gloria Butler** (55th); **David Adelman** (42nd);
Ronald Ramsey, Sr. (43rd); **Steve Henson** (41st) and others
Read and adopted – 02/08/07

- SR 162** **Fowler, Bishop Miles Edward; honoring**
Sens. **Emanuel Jones** (10th); **Ronald Ramsey, Sr.** (43rd);
Dan Weber (40th); **David Adelman** (42nd); **Gloria Butler** (55th) and others
Read and adopted – 02/08/07
- SR 163** **McCalep, Dr. George O.; honoring**
Sens. **Emanuel Jones** (10th); **Ronald Ramsey, Sr.** (43rd); **David Adelman**
(42nd); **Gloria Butler** (55th); **Steve Henson** (41st) and others
Read and adopted – 02/08/07
- SR 164** **Rucker, Rev. Raleigh; commend**
Sens. **Emanuel Jones** (10th); **David Adelman** (42nd); **Gloria Butler** (55th);
Ronald Ramsey, Sr. (43rd); **Steve Henson** (41st) and others
Read and adopted – 02/08/07
- SR 165** **Bussey, James, Alice White-Bussey; commend**
Sens. **Emanuel Jones** (10th); **Gloria Butler** (55th); **David Adelman** (42nd);
Ronald Ramsey, Sr. (43rd); **Steve Henson** (41st) and others
Read and adopted – 02/08/07
- SR 166** **Honoré, Lieutenant General Russel L.; commend**
Sen. **Horacena Tate** (38th)
Read and adopted – 02/08/07
- SR 167** **Thompson, Sean; commend**
Sen. **Chip Rogers** (21st)
Read and adopted – 02/08/07
- SR 168** **Epilepsy Awareness Day; recognize**
Sen. **Renee Unterman** (45th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 169** **Peachtree Ridge High School Varsity Competition Cheerleaders; commend**
Sens. **Renee Unterman** (45th) and **David Shafer** (48th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 170** **Carver State Bank; commend**
Sen. **Regina Thomas** (2nd)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 171** **King, Kira M.; Outstanding Scholar; commend**
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th); **John Wiles** (37th); **Bill Cowsert** (46th) and
Cecil Staton (18th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 172** **Barlow, Ruby H.; Outstanding Scholar; commend**
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th); **John Wiles** (37th); **Bill Cowsert** (46th) and
Cecil Staton (18th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 173** **Sawyer, Nikki T.; Outstanding Scholar; commend**
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th); **John Wiles** (37th); **Bill Cowsert** (46th) and
Cecil Staton (18th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 174** **Ringwald, Heather Rachael; Outstanding Scholar; commend**
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th); **John Wiles** (37th); **Bill Cowsert** (46th) and
Cecil Staton (18th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07

- SR 175 Shorey, Sandra Joyce; Outstanding Scholar; commend**
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th); **John Wiles** (37th); **Bill Cowsert** (46th) and **Cecil Staton** (18th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 176 Pace, Cheri M.; Outstanding Scholar; commend**
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th); **John Wiles** (37th); **Bill Cowsert** (46th) and **Cecil Staton** (18th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 177 Long, James; Outstanding Scholar; commend**
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th); **John Wiles** (37th); **Bill Cowsert** (46th) and **Cecil Staton** (18th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 178 Hooks, Chelsie B.; Outstanding Scholar; commend**
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th); **John Wiles** (37th); **Bill Cowsert** (46th) and **Cecil Staton** (18th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 179 Wingfield, Shanna D.; Outstanding Scholar; commend**
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th); **John Wiles** (37th); **Bill Cowsert** (46th) and **Cecil Staton** (18th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 180 Gunn, Kelli Leigh; Outstanding Scholar; commend**
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th); **John Wiles** (37th); **Bill Cowsert** (46th) and **Cecil Staton** (18th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 181 New, Cheryl Lynn; Outstanding Scholar; commend**
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th); **John Wiles** (37th); **Bill Cowsert** (46th) and **Cecil Staton** (18th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 182 Spates, Harold Shane; Outstanding Scholar; commend**
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th); **John Wiles** (37th); **Bill Cowsert** (46th) and **Cecil Staton** (18th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 183 Fluke, Katherine Clair; Outstanding Scholar; commend**
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th); **John Wiles** (37th); **Bill Cowsert** (46th) and **Cecil Staton** (18th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 184 Loadholt, Justin Thomas; Outstanding Scholar; commend**
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th); **John Wiles** (37th); **Bill Cowsert** (46th) and **Cecil Staton** (18th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 185 Kanzler, Jennifer M.; Outstanding Scholar; commend**
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th); **John Wiles** (37th); **Bill Cowsert** (46th) and **Cecil Staton** (18th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 186 Smith, Lindsey Leigh; Outstanding Scholar; commend**
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th); **John Wiles** (37th); **Bill Cowsert** (46th) and **Cecil Staton** (18th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07

- SR 187 Brown, David; Outstanding Scholar; commend**
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th); **John Wiles** (37th); **Bill Cowsert** (46th) and **Cecil Staton** (18th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 188 Schaffer, Autumn; Outstanding Scholar; commend**
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th); **John Wiles** (37th); **Bill Cowsert** (46th) and **Cecil Staton** (18th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 189 East, Michael Patrick; Outstanding Scholar; commend**
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th); **John Wiles** (37th); **Bill Cowsert** (46th) and **Cecil Staton** (18th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 190 Howell, Richard K.; Outstanding Scholar; commend**
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th); **John Wiles** (37th); **Bill Cowsert** (46th) and **Cecil Staton** (18th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 191 Shaw, Melissa Jean; Outstanding Scholar; commend**
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th); **John Wiles** (37th); **Bill Cowsert** (46th) and **Cecil Staton** (18th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 192 Brandon, Theodora Lee; Outstanding Scholar; commend**
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th); **John Wiles** (37th); **Bill Cowsert** (46th) and **Cecil Staton** (18th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 193 Nguyen, Bao Tram; Outstanding Scholar; commend**
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th); **John Wiles** (37th); **Bill Cowsert** (46th) and **Cecil Staton** (18th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 194 Hagedorn, Robert Michael Allen; Outstanding Scholar; commend**
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th); **John Wiles** (37th); **Bill Cowsert** (46th) and **Cecil Staton** (18th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 195 Chang, Yollande S.; Outstanding Scholar; commend**
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th); **John Wiles** (37th); **Bill Cowsert** (46th) and **Cecil Staton** (18th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 196 Jackson, Douglas Michael; Outstanding Scholar; commend**
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th); **John Wiles** (37th); **Bill Cowsert** (46th) and **Cecil Staton** (18th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 197 Leslie, Logan Michael; Outstanding Scholar; commend**
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th); **John Wiles** (37th); **Bill Cowsert** (46th) and **Cecil Staton** (18th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 198 Daugherty, Melissa K.; Outstanding Scholar; commend**
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th); **John Wiles** (37th); **Bill Cowsert** (46th) and **Cecil Staton** (18th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07

- SR 199 Smith, Sarah B.; Outstanding Scholar; commend**
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th); **John Wiles** (37th); **Bill Cowsert** (46th) and **Cecil Staton** (18th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 200 Harper, Michael; Outstanding Scholar; commend**
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th); **John Wiles** (37th); **Bill Cowsert** (46th) and **Cecil Staton** (18th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 201 Hudson, Jaree; Outstanding Scholar; commend**
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th); **John Wiles** (37th); **Bill Cowsert** (46th) and **Cecil Staton** (18th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 202 Aniakou, Madje A.; Outstanding Scholar; commend**
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th); **John Wiles** (37th); **Bill Cowsert** (46th) and **Cecil Staton** (18th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 203 Allison, Casey Glen; Outstanding Scholar; commend**
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th); **John Wiles** (37th); **Bill Cowsert** (46th) and **Cecil Staton** (18th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 204 Jones, Yoshana; Outstanding Scholar; commend**
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th); **John Wiles** (37th); **Bill Cowsert** (46th) and **Cecil Staton** (18th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 205 Let Us Make Man Event; recognize**
Sens. **Vincent Fort** (39th); **Emanuel Jones** (10th); **Gail Davenport** (44th); **Ronald Ramsey, Sr.** (43rd); **Regina Thomas** (2nd) and others
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 206 Harris, Alesha; recognize**
Sen. **Ed Harbison** (15th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 207 Jordan, Chris; recognize**
Sen. **Ed Harbison** (15th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 208 Cox, Kason; recognize**
Sen. **Ed Harbison** (15th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 209 Bates, Elizabeth; recognize**
Sen. **Ed Harbison** (15th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 210 Bowyer, James; recognize**
Sen. **Ed Harbison** (15th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 211 Garrett, Joseph; recognize**
Sen. **Ed Harbison** (15th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 212 Dillon, Jennifer; recognize**
Sen. **Ed Harbison** (15th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07

- SR 213 Duncanson, Blake; recognize**
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 214 Sanders, Sarah; recognize**
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 215 Augugliaro, Loreal; recognize**
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 216 Morgan, Michael; recognize**
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 217 Moore, Travis; recognize**
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 218 Adams, Felicia; commend**
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 219 Parks, Brittany; recognize**
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 220 Thomas, Mardee; recognize**
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 221 Kent, Maria; recognize**
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 222 Loftin, Lamar; recognize**
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 223 Rumer, Becky; recognize**
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 224 McDaniel, Liliana; recognize**
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 225 Fourth Street Baptist Day Care Center; recognize**
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 226 Small, Rev. Frederick L.; commend**
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 227 Davis, Wilbert; commend**
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07

- SR 228** **Peace Officers; appropriate funds necessary to provide for retirement credit for retired members; prior to January 1, 1976 CA**
Sens. **Ed Harbison** (15th) and **Regina Thomas** (2nd)
Retirement Committee – 02/09/07
- SR 229** **Paul Keenan Parkway; Dougherty County; dedicate**
Sens. **Michael Meyer von Bremen** (12th) and
George Hooks (14th)
Transportation Committee – 02/09/07
- SR 230** **Easter Seal Southern Georgia; celebrate**
Sens. **Michael Meyer von Bremen** (12th); **George Hooks** (14th) and
Tim Golden (8th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 231** **Craft, Mrs. Judy; commend**
Sens. **Chip Pearson** (51st); **Nancy Schaefer** (50th); **Chip Rogers** (21st);
David Shafer (48th); **Renee Unterman** (45th) and others
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 232** **Georgia Archives Staff; recognize**
Sens. **Eric Johnson** (1st); **George Hooks** (14th)
and **Dan Moody** (56th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 233** **Harpe, Walt; commend**
Sen. **Joseph Carter** (13th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 234** **Kozak, Amanda; honoring**
Sens. **Tim Golden** (8th) and **Ross Tolleson** (20th)
Read and adopted – 02/09/07
- SR 235** **American Probation and Parole Association; commend**
Sens. **Johnny Grant** (25th); **J.B. Powell** (23rd); **Bill Cowsert** (46th);
Jim Whitehead, Sr. (24th) and **John Douglas** (17th)
Read and adopted – 2/09/07
- SR 236** **Allman II, Private First Class Daniel Joseph; condolences**
Sens. **Nancy Schaefer** (50th) and **John Douglas** (17th)
Read and adopted – 02/10/07
- SR 237** **Cherry Blossom Festival; recognize**
Sens. **Robert Brown** (26th) and **Cecil Staton** (18th)
Read and adopted – 02/10/07
- SR 238** **Pilgrim's Pride Corporation; recognize**
Sens. **Greg Goggans** (7th); **Lee Hawkins** (49th); **Chip Pearson** (51st);
Ralph Hudgens (47th); **Jack Murphy** (27th) and others
Read and adopted – 02/10/07
- SR 239** **Ballard, Mrs. Judy; condolences**
Sens. **Ronnie Chance** (16th); **Joseph Carter** (13th); and **Bill Heath** (31st)
Read and adopted – 02/10/07
- SR 240** **People's Republic of China; expressing cultural, economic, and educational cooperation**
Sens. **Judson Hill** (32nd); **Chip Pearson** (51st); **Eric Johnson** (1st);
Tommie Williams (19th); **Jeff Chapman** (3rd) and others
Read and adopted – 02/10/07

- SR 241 Partnership for Health and Accountability; commend**
Sens. **Don Thomas** (54th); **Greg Goggans** (7th); **Renee Unterman** (45th)
and **Judson Hill** (32nd)
Read and adopted – 02/10/07
- SR 242 Georgia Board for Physician Workforce; recognize**
Sens. **Don Thomas** (54th); **Lee Hawkins** (49th); **Greg Goggans** (7th);
Renee Unterman (45th) and **Judson Hill** (32nd)
Read and adopted – 02/10/07
- SR 243 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/Congress; urged to begin a study of the cost/effects; storage capacities**
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th); **George Hooks** (14th); **Mitch Seabaugh** (28th);
Michael Meyer von Bremen (12th); **John Bulloch** (11th) and others
Natural Resources and the Environment Committee – 02/10/07
- SR 244 4-H Day at the Capitol; commend**
Sens. **Joseph Carter** (13th); **Bill Cowsert** (46th) and **Bill Heath** (31st)
Read and adopted – 02/10/07
- SR 245 Lenice, Miss Brittanie; recognize**
Sens. **Joseph Carter** (13th) and **Chip Pearson** (51st)
Read and adopted – 02/10/07
- SR 246 Indigent Defense; create Joint Study Committee**
Sens. **John Wiles** (37th); **Preston Smith** (52nd); **Eric Johnson** (1st) and
Tommie Williams (19th)
Judiciary Committee – 02/10/07
- SR 247 Eugenics; express profound regret for Georgia's participation**
Sens. **David Shafer** (48th); **Chip Rogers** (21st); **Eric Johnson** (1st);
Dan Moody (56th); **Tommie Williams** (19th) and others
Science and Technology Committee – 02/10/07
- SR 248 Ad Valorem Taxes; prohibit county from levying withing a municipality as special services districts-CA**
Sens. **Nancy Schaefer** (50th); **Dan Moody** (56th); **Chip Rogers** (21st);
Dan Weber (40th); **Doug Stoner** (6th) and others
State and Local Governmental Operations Committee - 02/13/07
- SR 249 Public Property; conveyance; granting of easements for facilities, utilities 6 counties**
Sens. **Johnny Grant** (25th); **Seth Harp** (29th); **Ed Harbison** (15th);
Greg Goggans (7th); **Preston Smith** (52nd) and others
State Institutions and Property Committee - 02/13/07
- SR 250 Council on American Indian Concerns; recognize**
Sens. **Ross Tolleson** (20th); **Seth Harp** (29th)
and **Don Thomas** (54th)
Read and adopted - 02/13/07
- SR 251 Happy Home Missionary Baptist Church; recognize**
Sens. **Don Thomas** (54th); **Eric Johnson** (1st); **Regina Thomas** (2nd)
and **Jack Hill** (4th)
Read and adopted - 02/13/07
- SR 252 Emergency Medical Services Recognition Day; commend**
Sens. **Don Thomas** (54th); **Cecil Staton** (18th); **Jeff Mullis** (53rd);
Preston Smith (52nd); **Jack Murphy** (27th) and others
Read and adopted - 02/13/07

- SR 253 Anderson, Mr. Robert; recognize**
 Sen. **Ed Harbison** (15th)
Read and adopted - 02/13/07
- SR 254 Bishop, Mrs. Vivian Creighton; commend**
 Sen. **Ed Harbison** (15th)
Read and adopted - 02/13/07
- SR 255 Smyre, Rep. Calvin; recognize**
 Sen. **Ed Harbison** (15th)
Read and adopted - 02/13/07
- SR 256 Walker, James; commend**
 Sen. **Ed Harbison** (15th)
Read and adopted - 02/13/07
- SR 257 Filiberto, Sue; recognize**
 Sen. **Chip Rogers** (21st)
Read and adopted – 02/13/07
- SR 258 Feagin Mill Middle School; recognize**
 Sens. **Ross Tolleson** (20th) and **Cecil Staton** (18th)
Read and adopted – 02/13/07
- SR 259 Swanson, Dr. Olivia; commend**
 Sen. **Regina Thomas** (2nd)
Read and adopted – 02/14/07
- SR 260 Historic Preservation Day at Rhodes Hall; celebrate**
 Sen. **Ross Tolleson** (20th) and **George Hooks** (14th)
Read and adopted – 02/14/07
- SR 261 Waffle House; recognize**
 Sens. **Bill Hamrick** (30th); **Jeff Mullis** (53rd); **Tommie Williams** (19th) and
Eric Johnson (1st)
Rules Committee – 02/14/07
- SR 262 Meadows, Miss Nell Katherine; congratulations**
 Sens. **Bill Hamrick** (30th) and **Mitch Seabaugh** (28th)
Read and adopted – 02/14/07
- SR 263 Commuter Rail; Athens to Atlanta; urging U.S.Congress to provide funding**
 Sens. **Don Balfour** (9th); **Ralph Hudgens** (47th); **Bill Cowsert** (46th);
Renee Unterman (45th); **David Shafer** (48th) and others
Transportation Committee - 02/14/07
- SR 264 Mount Paran Christian School Cheerleading Squad; congratulating**
 Sens. **John Wiles** (37th); **Judson Hill** (32nd); **Steve Thompson** (33rd);
Doug Stoner (6th) and **Chip Rogers** (21st)
Read and adopted – 02/14/07
- SR 265 Pugh, Evelyn W. Turner; commend**
 Sen. **Ed Harbison** (15th)
Read and adopted – 02/14/07
- SR 267 Sequoyah High School Lady Chiefs Fast Pitch Softball Team; commend**
 Sen. **Chip Rogers** (21st)
Read and adopted – 02/14/07

- SR 268** **Woodstock High School Lady Wolverines Fast Pitch Softball Team; commend**
 Sen. **Chip Rogers** (21st)
Read and adopted – 02/14/07
- SR 269** **Georgia Chamber of Commerce Business Day; recognize**
 Sens. **Eric Johnson** (1st); **Tommie Williams** (19th);
Robert Brown (26th); **Don Balfour** (9th); **J.B. Powell** (23rd) and others
Read and adopted – 02/14/07
- SR 270** **Zell Bryan Miller; urging Capitol Arts Standards Commission to authorize the placement of statute on grounds of the State Capitol Building**
 Sens. **Nancy Schaefer** (50th); **Preston Smith** (52nd); **Cecil Staton** (18th);
Jack Hill (4th); **Jeff Mullis** (53rd) and others
State Institutions and Property Committee – 02/14/07
- SR 271** **PAGE Day on Capitol Hill; commend**
 Sen. **Dan Weber** (40th)
Read and adopted – 02/14/07
- SR 272** **Milliken, Mrs. Annette; condolences**
 Sens. **Johnny Grant** (25th) and **John Douglas** (17th)
Read and adopted – 02/20/07
- SR 273** **Wright, Mrs. Louise Henderson; condolences**
 Sen. **Gail Davenport** (44th)
Read and adopted – 02/20/07
- SR 274** **G.P. Babb Middle School Bulldogs Girls' Volleyball Team; recognize**
 Sen. **Gail Davenport** (44th)
Read and adopted – 02/20/07
- SR 275** **Board of Regents, University System of Georgia; honoring**
 Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th) and **John Wiles** (37th)
Read and adopted – 02/14/07
- SR 276** **Dental Hygienists' Appreciation Day; recognize**
 Sens. **Lee Hawkins** (49th) and **Greg Goggans** (7th)
Read and adopted – 02/20/07
- SR 277** **Kimberl, Carl; recognize**
 Sen. **Jeff Chapman** (3rd)
Read and adopted – 02/20/07
- SR 278** **U.S. Rep. Charles Whitlow Norwood, Jr., D.D.S.; commend**
 Sens. **Jim Whitehead, Sr.** (24th); **Ralph Hudgens** (47th);
Nancy Schaefer (50th); **Jeff Mullis** (53rd); **Johnny Grant** (25th) and others
Read and adopted – 02/20/07
- SR 279** **Senate; provide four-year terms of office for members CA**
 Sens. **John Douglas** (17th); **Seth Harp** (29th); **Tommie Williams** (19th);
Robert Brown (26th); **Cecil Staton** (18th) and others
Ethics Committee – 02/20/07
- SR 280** **Property Rights Relating to Reproductive/Genetic Technology; create Senate study committee**
 Sens. **Eric Johnson** (1st); **Preston Smith** (52nd); **Don Thomas** (54th);
Cecil Staton (18th); **David Adelman** (42nd) and others
Judiciary Committee – 02/20/07

- SR 281 Williams, Jr., Mr. Tracy; commend**
 Sen. **Ed Tarver** (22nd)
Read and adopted – 02/20/07
- SR 282 Georgia One Tax; prohibit subsequent imposition of state ad valorem taxes/state income taxes; comprehensive consumption tax – CA**
 Sens. **Mitch Seabaugh** (28th); **Chip Rogers** (21st); **Chip Pearson** (51st); **Bill Heath** (31st); **Judson Hill** (32nd) and others
Finance Committee – 02/20/07
- SR 283 Joint Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Study Committee; create**
 Sen. **Ross Tolleson** (20th)
Natural Resources and the Environment Committee – 02/20/07
- SR 284 Turner, Angela Della Costanza; commend**
 Sens. **Chip Pearson** (51st) and **Chip Rogers** (21st)
Read and adopted – 02/20/07
- SR 285 Italy Day at the Capitol; recognize**
 Sens. **Chip Pearson** (51st) and **Chip Rogers** (21st)
Read and adopted – 02/20/07
- SR 286 Yeomans, Tyler Harris; commend**
 Sens. **Chip Pearson** (51st); **Johnny Grant** (25th) and **Chip Rogers** (21st)
Read and adopted – 02/20/07
- SR 287 Chrysosferidis, Michael; commend**
 Sens. **Chip Pearson** (51st); **Johnny Grant** (25th) and **Chip Rogers** (21st)
Read and adopted – 02/20/07
- SR 288 Porter, Daniel; commend**
 Sens. **Chip Pearson** (51st); **Johnny Grant** (25th) and **Chip Rogers** (21st)
Read and adopted – 02/20/07
- SR 289 Porter, Christopher; commend**
 Sens. **Chip Pearson** (51st); **Johnny Grant** (25th) and **Chip Rogers** (21st)
Read and adopted – 02/20/07
- SR 290 Turner, Rico; commend**
 Sens. **Chip Pearson** (51st); **Johnny Grant** (25th) and **Chip Rogers** (21st)
Read and adopted – 02/20/07
- SR 291 Anderson, Matthew O.; commend**
 Sens. **Chip Pearson** (51st); **Johnny Grant** (25th) and **Chip Rogers** (21st)
Read and adopted – 02/20/07
- SR 292 Leadership DeKalb Class of 2007; recognize**
 Sen. **Gloria Butler** (55th)
Read and adopted – 02/21/07
- SR 293 E.W. Oliver Elementary School "mathletes"; commend**
 Sens. **Valencia Seay** (34th) and **Gail Davenport** (44th)
Read and adopted – 02/21/07
- SR 294 Wilson, Jackie L.; commend**
 Sen. **Greg Goggans** (7th)
Read and adopted – 02/21/07
- SR 295 Lott, Mr. Francis M.; recognize**
 Sen. **Greg Goggans** (7th)
Read and adopted – 02/21/07

- SR 296** **POW Julian Abel Memorial Bridge; dedicating**
 Sen. **Greg Goggans** (7th)
Transportation Committee – 02/21/07
- SR 297** **PFC Elwood W. Odom Memorial Bridge; dedicating**
 Sen. **Greg Goggans** (7th)
Transportation Committee – 02/21/07
- SR 298** **MIA/KIA Bryant H. Roberts, SFC Memorial Bridge; dedicating**
 Sen. **Greg Goggans** (7th)
Transportation Committee – 02/21/07
- SR 299** **POW Fred L. Belcher Memorial Bridge; dedicating**
 Sen. **Greg Goggans** (7th)
Transportation Committee – 02/21/07
- SR 300** **Walden, Phil; condolences**
 Sens. **Robert Brown** (26th); **Cecil Staton** (18th) and **Jeff Mullis** (53rd)
Read and adopted – 02/21/07
- SR 301** **Phil Walden Memorial Interchange; dedicating**
 Sens. **Robert Brown** (26th); **Cecil Staton** (18th) and **Jeff Mullis** (53rd)
Transportation Committee – 02/21/07
- SR 302** **Locust Grove, City of; commend**
 Sen. **John Douglas** (17th)
Read and adopted – 02/21/07
- SR 303** **Hampton, City of; commend**
 Sen. **John Douglas** (17th)
Read and adopted – 02/21/07
- SR 304** **Clark, Mr. Charles; commend**
 Sen. **Tommie Williams** (19th)
Read and adopted – 02/21/07
- SR 305** **Stuckey, Jill; commend**
 Sens. **Ross Tolleson** (20th); **Jack Hill** (4th); **Steve Henson** (41st);
John Bulloch (11th); **Michael Meyer von Bremen** (12th) and others
Read and adopted – 02/21/07
- SR 306** **Johnson, Mr. Billy Ray "B.R."; condolences**
 Sen. **Mitch Seabaugh** (28th)
Read and adopted – 02/21/07
- SR 307** **Ellis, Cameron; commend**
 Sens. **Judson Hill** (32nd) and **Chip Rogers** (21st)
Read and adopted – 02/21/07
- SR 308** **Vietnamese Heritage and Freedom Flag; recognize**
 Sens. **David Shafer** (48th); **Chip Rogers** (21st); **Cecil Staton** (18th);
John Wiles (37th) and **Jeff Chapman** (3rd)
Read and adopted – 02/21/07
- SR 309** **Infrastructure Development Districts; provide by general law the
 creation and comprehensive regulation-CA**
 Sens. **Johnny Grant** (25th) and **Steve Thompson** (33rd)
State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 02/21/07

Senate Bills:

- SB 99 Alcoholic Beverages; permitting limousine carriers to sell; annual applications/fees**
Sens. **Johnny Grant** (25th); **Doug Stoner** (6th); **Renee Unterman** (45th) and **Steve Henson** (41st)
Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee – 02/02/07
- SB 100 Crime; knowingly manufacturing, selling, or distributing false identification documents; increase certain penalties**
Sens. **Chip Pearson** (51st); **Chip Rogers** (21st); **Lee Hawkins** (49th); **Nancy Schaefer** (50th); **Jeff Mullis** (53rd) and **Jack Murphy** (27th)
Judiciary Committee – 02/02/07
- SB 101 Agricultural Facilities; redefine a term**
Sens. **Ross Tolleson** (20th); **Jim Whitehead, Sr.** (24th); **George Hooks** (14th); **Michael Meyer von Bremen** (12th); **Jack Hill** (4th) and others
Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee – 02/02/07
- SB 102 Chiropractors; define/redefine terms; scope of practice; change criminal penalties for unlicensed practice**
Sens. **Don Balfour** (9th); **Renee Unterman** (45th); **Chip Rogers** (21st); **Tommie Williams** (19th) and **Steve Henson** (41st)
Health and Human Services Committee – 02/02/07
- SB 103 O.C.G.A; correct errors/omissions**
Sens. **David Adelman** (42nd); **Michael Meyer von Bremen** (12th); **Seth Harp** (29th); **Bill Hamrick** (30th); **Judson Hill** (32nd) and others
Special Judiciary Committee – 02/08/07
- SB 104 O.C.G.A; correct errors/omissions; Title 47**
Sens. **David Adelman** (42nd); **Michael Meyer von Bremen** (12th); **Seth Harp** (29th); **Bill Hamrick** (30th); **Judson Hill** (32nd) and others
Special Judiciary Committee – 02/08/07
- SB 105 Electrical Services; require charges to communications/cable companies; assessing poles, ducts shall be uniform; procedures/remedies**
Sens. **David Shafer** (48th); **Don Balfour** (9th); **Jeff Chapman** (3rd) and **Mitch Seabaugh** (28th)
Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee – 02/08/07
- SB 106 Bonds; surety for good behavior; extend the period**
Sens. **Bill Hamrick** (30th); **Seth Harp** (29th); **Joseph Carter** (13th); **Kasim Reed** (35th) and **Ross Tolleson** (20th)
Judiciary Committee – 02/08/07
- SB 107 Richmond County, City of; change second division's jurisdiction; create third division of state court**
Sens. **Ed Tarver** (22nd) and **J.B. Powell** (23rd)
State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 02/08/07
- SB 108 Law Enforcement Officers; passenger motor vehicles; Georgia State Prison warden; furnished by Dept. of Public Safety**
Sens. **Jim Whitehead, Sr.** (24th); **Joseph Carter** (13th); **Jack Murphy** (27th); **John Douglas** (17th); **Mitch Seabaugh** (28th) and others
State Institutions and Property Committee – 02/08/07

- SB 109 Insurance; definitions; include plan administrators in prompt pay requirements**
Sens. **Ralph Hudgens** (47th); **David Shafer** (48th); **Robert Brown** (26th); **Lee Hawkins** (49th); **Don Thomas** (54th) and others
Insurance and Labor Committee – 02/08/07
- SB 110 Municipal; deannexation; repeal certain provisions**
Sens. **Chip Pearson** (51st); **Mitch Seabaugh** (28th); **Chip Rogers** (21st); **Jack Murphy** (27th) and **Eric Johnson** (1st)
State and Local Governmental Operations – 02/08/07
- SB 111 University System; revenue collected from tuition shall not lapse**
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th); **Bill Cowsert** (46th); **Gail Davenport** (44th); **Cecil Staton** (18th); **Ronnie Chance** (16th) and others
Higher Education Committee – 02/08/07
- SB 112 Appellate Court Judges; optional benefits; notice of election; eligibility**
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th); **Preston Smith** (52nd); **Bill Cowsert** (46th); **Bill Hamrick** (30th) and **Tommie Williams** (19th)
Retirement Committee – 02/09/07
- SB 113 Insurance; appointment of agents by authorized insurer before licensing; background checks**
Sens. **David Shafer** (48th); **Ralph Hudgens** (47th) and **Dan Moody** (56th)
Insurance and Labor Committee – 02/09/07
- SB 114 Real Estate Brokers; criminal convictions; terms/conditions of sentence; provide that certain time periods shall pass; application for licensure**
Sens. **David Shafer** (48th); **Tommie Williams** (19th); **Eric Johnson** (1st); **Chip Rogers** (21st); **Chip Pearson** (51st) and others
Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee – 02/09/07
- SB 115 Residential/General Contractors; revise the licensure provisions**
Sen. **David Shafer** (48th); **Eric Johnson** (1st); **Tommie Williams** (19th); **Chip Rogers** (21st); **Chip Pearson** (51st) and others
Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee – 02/09/07
- SB 116 State Forestry Commission; qualifications of the director; change provisions**
Sens. **Ross Tolleson** (20th); **Tommie Williams** (19th); **John Bulloch** (11th) and **Jack Hill** (4th)
Natural Resources and the Environment Committee – 02/09/07
- SB 117 Bail; sexual offenses; certain additional conditions**
Sens. **Chip Pearson** (51st); **David Adelman** (42nd); **Chip Rogers** (21st); **Preston Smith** (52nd) and **Kasim Reed** (35th)
Judiciary Committee – 02/09/07
- SB 118 Educational Facilities Surveys; change certain provisions**
Sens. **Bill Hamrick** (30th) and **Bill Heath** (31st)
Finance Committee – 02/09/07
- SB 119 Criminal Procedure; victim/members of immediate family with rights; provide for certain procedures**
Sens. **Bill Hamrick** (30th) and **Joseph Carter** (13th)
Judiciary Committee – 02/09/07

- SB 120** **State Properties; requirement that acquisitions of real property must be conducted through commission; remove certain exceptions**
Sens. **Jim Whitehead, Sr.** (24th); **Johnny Grant** (25th);
Jack Murphy (27th) and **Don Thomas** (54th)
State Institutions and Property Committee – 02/09/07
- SB 121** **State Properties; administrative space; modify certain exceptions**
Sens. **Jim Whitehead, Sr.** (24th); **Johnny Grant** (25th);
Don Thomas (54th) and **John Bulloch** (11th)
State Institutions and Property Committee – 02/09/07
- SB 122** **Education; annual performance evaluations; require signature of evaluator and provide to certificated person**
Sens. **Judson Hill** (32nd); **Chip Rogers** (21st) and **Dan Weber** (40th)
Education Committee – 02/09/07
- SB 123** **Local Boards of Education; require twins placed in same classroom if parent requests**
Sens. **Chip Rogers** (21st); **David Shafer** (48th); **Lee Hawkins** (49th);
Judson Hill (32nd); **Nancy Schaefer** (50th) and others
Education and Youth Committee – 02/09/07
- SB 124** **O.C.G.A.; correct errors/omissions; Title 21**
Sens. **David Adelman** (42nd); **Seth Harp** (29th)
and **Michael Meyer von Bremen** (12th)
Special Judiciary Committee – 02/09/07
- SB 125** **Motor Vehicles; speed restrictions; instruments charging violations of speed regulations; specify two-lane or highway**
Sens. **Ronnie Chance** (16th); **Cecil Staton** (18th);
Jim Whitehead, Sr. (24th); **Kasim Reed** (35th); **Bill Heath** (31st) and others
Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee – 02/09/07
- SB 126** **Decatur County School Building Authority; create**
Sen. **John Bulloch** (11th)
State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 02/09/07
- SB 127** **Retirement System; Dept. of Public Safety; may elect to pay additional employee contribution; certain members**
Sens. **Michael Meyer von Bremen** (12th); **Tim Golden** (8th); **David Adelman** (42nd) and **Steve Thompson** (33rd)
Retirement Committee – 02/09/07
- SB 128** **Child Advocate, Office of; provide confidentiality of records**
Sen. **Joseph Carter** (13th)
Special Judiciary Committee – 02/09/07
- SB 129** **Penal Institutions; provide limited copayments by inmates for prescription medications**
Sens. **Johnny Grant** (25th); **J.B. Powell** (23rd); **Bill Cowsert** (46th);
Jim Whitehead, Sr. (24th); **John Douglas** (17th) and others
State Institutions and Property Committee – 02/10/07
- SB 130** **Georgia Building Authority; general provisions; operational powers**
Sens. **Johnny Grant** (25th); **Jim Whitehead, Sr.** (24th);
Bill Cowsert (46th); **John Douglas** (17th) and **Chip Pearson** (51st)
State Institutions and Property Committee – 02/10/07
- SB 131** **Subsequent Injury Trust Fund; payment of assessments; change certain provisions**
Sen. **Ralph Hudgens** (47th)
Insurance and Labor Committee – 02/10/07

- SB 132** **Tax Returns; local law; establish a different time**
Sens. **Ed Tarver** (22nd); **J.B. Powell** (23rd); **Robert Brown** (26th) and **Tommie Williams** (19th)
Finance Committee – 02/10/07
- SB 133** **Levy; interstate insolvent estates; homestead exemptions; maximum amounts; change certain provisions**
Sens. **Ed Tarver** (22nd); **Robert Brown** (26th); **Ronald Ramsey, Sr.** (43rd); **Vincent Fort** (39th) and **Regina Thomas** (2nd)
Judiciary Committee – 02/10/07
- SB 134** **Hospital; acquisitions; notice to the Attorney General; change certain provisions**
Sens. **Preston Smith** (52nd); **Michael Meyer von Bremen** (12th); **David Adelman** (42nd); **Seth Harp** (29th) and **Joseph Carter** (13th)
Judiciary Committee – 02/10/07
- SB 135** **Criminal Reproduction; increase penalties; provide forfeiture of certain items**
Sens. **Bill Hamrick** (30th); **Kasim Reed** (35th) and **Jeff Mullis** (53rd)
Special Judiciary Committee – 02/10/07
- SB 136** **Telephone Service; prepaid cell phones; define terms; require identification of the purchaser in retail sales**
Sens. **Bill Hamrick** (30th); **Jim Whitehead, Sr.** (24th); **Jeff Chapman** (3rd) and **Joseph Carter** (13th)
Science and Technology Committee – 02/10/07
- SB 137** **Alcoholic Beverages; regulation of sales on Sunday; county/municipality**
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th); **Doug Stoner** (6th); **David Adelman** (42nd); **John Bulloch** (11th); **Vincent Fort** (39th) and others
Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee – 02/10/07
- SB 138** **Alcoholic Beverages; regulation of sales on Sunday; county/municipality**
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th); **Doug Stoner** (6th); **David Adelman** (42nd); **John Bulloch** (11th); **Vincent Fort** (39th) and others
Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee – 02/10/07
- SB 139** **Georgia Public Defender Standards Council; transfer from judicial branch to executive branch**
Sens. **John Wiles** (37th) and **Preston Smith** (52nd)
Judiciary Committee – 02/10/07
- SB 140** **Circuit Public Defender; change composition of selection panels; removal; terms**
Sens. **Preston Smith** (52nd); **John Wiles** (37th) and **Eric Johnson** (1st)
Judiciary Committee – 02/10/07
- SB 141** **Georgia Public Defender Standards Council; change composition**
Sens. **Preston Smith** (52nd); **John Wiles** (37th) and **Eric Johnson** (1st)
Judiciary Committee – 02/10/07
- SB 142** **Circuit Public Defenders; may hire additional personnel; authorized by local law**
Sens. **Preston Smith** (52nd); **John Wiles** (37th) and **Eric Johnson** (1st)
Judiciary Committee – 02/10/07
- SB 143** **Judicial Circuits; alternative delivery systems; provide for funding**
Sen. **John Wiles** (37th)
Judiciary Committee – 02/10/07

- SB 144 Group Insurance Benefits; pursuant to Title 20 and Title 45; U.S. Internal Revenue Code**
Sens. **Jack Murphy** (27th); **Ralph Hudgens** (47th); **Bill Heath** (31st); **Chip Rogers** (21st) and **Jim Whitehead, Sr.** (24th)
Insurance and Labor Committee – 02/12/07
- SB 145 Crime and Sentencing; persons convicted of murder; imposition of life without parole**
Sens. **Preston Smith** (52nd); **Eric Johnson** (1st); **Tommie Williams** (19th); **Mitch Seabaugh** (28th); **Dan Moody** (56th) and others
Judiciary Committee – 02/12/07
- SB 146 Public Works Bidding; provide definitions; advertisement of contract opportunities**
Sens. **Mitch Seabaugh** (28th); **David Shafer** (48th); **Doug Stoner** (6th); **Chip Pearson** (51st); **Tommie Williams** (19th) and others
Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee – 02/12/07
- SB 147 Gwinnett County Storm-water Authority; create**
Sens. **David Shafer** (48th); **Don Balfour** (9th); **Curt Thompson** (5th) and **Dan Weber** (40th)
State and Local Governmental Operations Committee - 02/13/07
- SB 148 Saving the Cure Act; create the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Bank for postnatal tissue and fluid; Georgia Commission for Saving the Cure**
Sens. **David Shafer** (48th); **Cecil Staton** (18th); **Don Thomas** (54th); **Chip Rogers** (21st); **Bill Heath** (31st) and others
Science and Technology Committee - 02/13/07
- SB 149 Probate Court of Floyd County; office of judge; nonpartisan elections**
Sen. **Preston Smith** (52nd)
State and Local Governmental Operations Committee - 02/13/07
- SB 150 Pharmacists/Pharmacies; submit certain performance and cost data to Dept. of Community Health**
Sens. **Judson Hill** (32nd) and **Don Thomas** (54th)
Health and Human Services Committee - 02/13/07
- SB 151 Georgia Health Security Underwriting Authority; create; alternative mechanism coverage for the availability of individual health insurance**
Sen. **Judson Hill** (32nd)
Insurance and Labor Committee - 02/13/07
- SB 152 Clarkesville, City of; change corporate limits**
Sen. **Nancy Schaefer** (50th)
State and Local Governmental Operations Committee - 02/13/07
- SB 153 Georgia Consumer Driven Health Insurance Plan; provide for development of plans by the Commissioner of Insurance**
Sen. **Judson Hill** (32nd)
Insurance and Labor Committee - 02/13/07
- SB 154 Municipal Corporations; agreements with solid waste collections firms; territory annexed/incorporated**
Sen. **Jack Murphy** (27th); **Chip Pearson** (51st); **Eric Johnson** (1st); **Chip Rogers** (21st); **David Shafer** (48th) and others
Economic Development Committee – 02/14/07

- SB 155** **Immunization; human papillomavirus; female students entering the sixth grade**
 Sen. **Don Balfour** (9th)
Health and Human Services Committee – 02/14/07
- SB 156** **Retirement; counties, municipal corporations; post-employment benefits; define certain terms**
 Sens. **Don Balfour** (9th); **Bill Cowsert** (46th);
Lee Hawkins (49th) and **Doug Stoner** (6th)
Retirement Committee – 02/14/07
- SB 157** **Gasoline Additives; provide for grants; E-85 gasoline for retail sale; define certain terms**
 Sens. **Ross Tolleson** (20th); **Michael Meyer von Bremen** (12th);
John Bulloch (11th); **Tommie Williams** (19th); **Jack Hill** (4th) and others
Natural Resources and the Environment Committee – 02/14/07
- SB 158** **Gwinnett Judicial Circuit; salary supplements for the judges; change provisions**
 Sens. **Don Balfour** (9th); **Dan Weber** (40th); **Gloria Butler** (55th);
David Shafer (48th); **Steve Henson** (41st) and others
State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 02/14/07
- SB 159** **Homestead Exemptions; change date of filing applications**
 Sens. **Cecil Staton** (18th); **Chip Rogers** (21st); **Ronnie Chance** (16th);
Mitch Seabaugh (28th); **Tim Golden** (8th) and others
Finance Committee – 02/14/07
- SB 160** **Retirement; authority to increase benefits; shall terminate; July 1, 2007**
 Sens. **Bill Heath** (31st); **Horacena Tate** (38th); **Jack Murphy** (27th);
Nancy Schaefer (50th); **Doug Stoner** (6th) and others
Retirement Committee – 02/14/07
- SB 161** **Retirement; disability benefits; physical exam done at convenient place of beneficiary; delete provisions**
 Sens. **Bill Heath** (31st); **Jack Murphy** (27th); **Doug Stoner** (6th) and
Nancy Schaefer (50th)
Retirement Committee – 02/14/07
- SB 162** **Retirement; person who becomes member; disability benefit; actual years of creditable service**
 Sens. **Bill Heath** (31st); **Horacena Tate** (38th); **Jack Murphy** (27th);
Nancy Schaefer (50th); **Doug Stoner** (6th) and others
Retirement Committee – 02/14/07
- SB 163** **Retirement; county revenue employees; no person who becomes tax commissioner or any such officer shall be eligible for membership**
 Sens. **Bill Heath** (31st); **Horacena Tate** (38th); **Jack Murphy** (27th);
Nancy Schaefer (50th); **Doug Stoner** (6th) and others
Retirement Committee – 02/14/07
- SB 164** **Certificate of Need Reformation Act; extensive revision of the certificate of need program**
 Sens. **Don Balfour** (9th); **Tommie Williams** (19th); **Tim Golden** (8th);
Doug Stoner (6th); **John Bulloch** (11th) and others
Health and Human Services Committee – 02/14/07
- SB 165** **Agricultural Commodity Commissions; ratification of commissions; change certain provisions**
 Sen. **John Bulloch** (11th)
Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee – 02/14/07

- SB 166** **Driver Services, Dept. Of; add approved virtual courses; under the age of 25 years**
Sens. **Lee Hawkins** (49th); **Greg Goggans** (7th); **Jack Murphy** (27th); **Chip Pearson** (51st); **Jim Whitehead, Sr.** (24th) and others
Insurance and Labor Committee – 02/20/07
- SB 167** **State Health Benefit Advisory Committee; create**
Sens. **Michael Meyer von Bremen** (12th); **Tim Golden** (8th);
George Hooks (14th); **Robert Brown** (26th) and **Emanuel Jones** (10th)
Insurance and Labor Committee – 02/20/07
- SB 168** **Deaf Child's Bill of Rights Act; communication needs of a deaf student**
Sens. **Preston Smith** (52nd); **Gloria Butler** (55th); **Dan Moody** (56th); **Jeff Mullis** (53rd); **Valencia Seay** (34th) and others
Education and Youth Committee – 02/20/07
- SB 169** **Ga. Student Finance Authority; direct loans to students; postsecondary schools; 1% rate annually**
Sens. **Bill Hamrick** (30th); **Seth Harp** (29th);
Michael Meyer von Bremen (12th); **David Adelman** (42nd);
Johnny Grant (25th) and others
Higher Education Committee – 02/20/07
- SB 170** **Quality Basic Education Act; foreign language requirements; college preparatory diploma**
Sens. **Preston Smith** (52nd); **Dan Moody** (56th); **Jeff Mullis** (53rd);
Gloria Butler (55th); **Valencia Seay** (34th) and others
Education and Youth Committee – 02/20/07
- SB 171** **Residential/General Contractors; repeal Chapter 41 of such title**
Sens. **Jeff Mullis** (53rd) and **J.B. Powell** (23rd)
Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee – 02/20/07
- SB 172** **Georgia Retiree Health Benefit Fund; reports to the board of community health**
Sen. **Greg Goggans** (7th)
Appropriations Committee – 02/14/07
- SB 173** **Pipeline Companies; exempt certain acquisitions of add. pipeline right of way from restrictions and conditions**
Sens. **Ross Tolleson** (20th); **George Hooks** (14th); **Dan Moody** (56th) and
Steve Henson (41st)
Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee – 02/20/07
- SB 174** **Public Officers/Employees; development of medical/physical fitness standards; appointment of medical review board**
Sens. **Johnny Grant** (25th) and **Jeff Mullis** (53rd)
Retirement Committee – 02/20/07
- SB 175** **State Government; clarify meaning of criminal action; replace Dept. of Administrative Services with Office of Treasury/Fiscal Services**
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